Dublin, December 6. 1860

Dear Mr Macy

On the 27th of November died in the town of Wexford a maternal uncle of mine whose name was Francis Pearson, leaving an inherited property which came to him from an elder brother who died 40 years ago by whom it was left to him by will with legal stipulations attached to the bequest that it was not to be sold until it had reached the fourth inheritor. On the death of my uncle Francis the property (which is in land &c worth about 800 dollars a year) falls to his eldest son or his eldest son. Now the puzzle is to find out who this person is. About 18 years ago my uncle had three sons Thomas, Joseph, & Samuel. At that time Thomas emigrated to America & has never since written to his family. A year or so after he was seen & spoken to by C. L. Redmond in some town in New England. Quite lately there was a report that he was living in Western Canada and that he could be heard of by enquiries made of John Rice at the County of Wexford Tavern Hotel, (sic) Kingston, or of Simon or John Kehoe, of Kenton. Thomas Pearson was a cabinet maker & skilful at his trade. He was rather unsteady before he left Ireland & I believe left in a huff saying he could never write home. — If he be dead, or not to be found after some enquiry, I presume the property will go to Joseph who has no son, and then to Samuel who lives in Dublin, & is in every

Dallas, December 6, 1870

Dear Mr. Ivey

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way estimable & respectable. It is chiefly on his behalf that I am desirous to know if any enquiry could be readily made through some bank or other usual channel as to whether Thomas Shattuck is now alive, or whether if dead, he has left any male heir. I should say that I know of no fund formed for T. S.'s distributive with his family from ~~some~~ some ~~of~~ of them (particularly his Mother's Uncle, this maternal Aunt) he received many marks of substantial Kindness & interest.

If you could conveniently through any of your commercial or managed friends have some enquiry made in Kingston or Newton You will oblige me. I should say that my cousin Thomas is disfigured by a "hare-lip" for which an operation was performed on him when he was an infant. I suppose he is now fully 45 years of age

Yours truly

Richd B Wilbur

Rev. S. May, Jun.

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